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Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

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The following item was received from Dave Perry ZS1SG, chairman of the Oakdale Amateur Radio Club

In a "last minute" effort to obtain an Amateur Radio license for Mark Shuttleworth to use during his trip in space, the Oakdale ARC submitted an urgent application to ICASA, on Mark's behalf. The reason why the Oakdale ARC undertook this task was, primarily, because Mark's original home town was Durbanville, which falls within the Oakdale club's membership area, so club members felt a committment to getting him more involved with amateur radio. Also, whilst the issue was being discussed at a general club meeting, it was considered unlikely that Mark would have the time to write the RAE, an option that was being considered by others. ICASA was enthusiastic about the concept, and very quickly granted a temporary license, with the callsign ZSRSA, for use only whilst on board the International Space Station. The license was taken to Russia by Mark's parents about 10 days before lift off. Arrangements have been made with various schools in the country so that learners can speak to Mark and ask him questions. The following days and times are scheduled, each with a window of only about 2 minutes duration. 29 April at 19:42 CAT; 30 April at 18:21; 2 May at 18:29; 3 May at 19:50.

These transmission will be relayed on various two metre repeaters across the county. No call-ins will be taken.

AMSAT NA is making arrangements for other QSOs with Mark after completion of the school contacts.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT THE SARL AGM 20 TH APRIL 2002. In his report to the AGM the outgoing president of the SARL quoted the amateur code and deplored the behaviour of many amateurs on the air. He also quoted from a letter received from ICASA, reminding us that the amateur service is self-regulatory and that we are all responsible for the maintenance of standards. He exhorted clubs to take the necessary action where the regulations are infringed and warned that license holders, including clubs, will be held responsible for what goes through their facilities, both repeaters and BBSs. He also mentioned that bulletin board systems on packet radio are to be licensed for unattended operation. Hans mentioned other aspects such as communication between the SARL council or office and members. He pointed out that communication is a two way process and that members and clubs also have a role to play. After giving some information on the state of regulatory changes, the ITU articles S1, S19, and S25 at the WRC of 2003 and the subsequent changing of the CEPT agreement, he announced that he is stepping down as president and thanked the members of the executive and the councillors for their support. The full speech will be reported in the next issue of Radio ZS.

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The subscribtion fees decided on at the AGM last week, is as follows: R220 for ordinary members; R180 for pensioners; R55 for Spouses; R500 for foreign members.

The new fee structure is available immediately. Persons joining now get membership at the new fee, from date of joining until the end of June 2003. This does however, not include the May / June 2002 issue of Radio ZS, which is the last issue of this year. It will be available to the new members for an additional R15.

RADIO ZS The editor of Radio ZS would like to remind all contributors, including columnists, that the deadline for the May / June issue is approaching fast. Your material must reach the editor before or on the Tuesday the 30th of April. The planned publication date for the May / June issue is the 31st of May

MAY 2002 RAE The examination numbers and centres of the RAE candidates have been posted on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za. Official notices containing this information will be mailed to all candidates on Monday. Canditates are welcome to use the website to ascertain their exam numbers.

2002 ARRL HANDBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE. A shipment of the 2002 edition of the ARRL publication "The ARRL Handbook for Radio Amateurs" has been received at the SARL bookshop. Because many orders for this book have been received during the waiting period, only five copies of this shipment are still available for sale. Interested buyers can contact Marlette at the NARC by phone, fax or e-mail for a copy of this book. Orders received after the sale of

the last book, wil be held over for the next shipment.
It takes about two months from the date of order for the books to arrive. The price of the handbook will be R540-00 to which must be added R60- 00 postage and packing if the book is not collected from the NARS.
SARL members get a 20% discount on this price. COMPUTER VIRUS The VHF manager John Fielding ZS5JF reports that his system was attacked by a new virus that slipped past his anti-virus programme and destroyed all information on his hard disk. Please update your virus protection now. Among the information destroyed was all the logs submitted for the March VHF contest. John apologises for this and requests that everyone who submitted a log, please resubmit them. He was going to score the VHF contest after the AGM weekend, but it will now have to wait until he has received the re-submitted logs. SAATI MONTHLY MEETING

SAATI will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Monday 29 April at the Lyttleton library in Cantonments road starting at 19:30 hours. The speaker will be Steve Schmidt ZR6SWN and he will discuss the 'press & peel' method of PC-board development. Richard ZR6CK will also have some old 'laptop' computers on display.

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Goodbye everyone.

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